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CLAIMS

What we claim as our invention is:

- A partially collapsible having a cylindrical
 1. (An expandable) hamper (comprising an internal frame for supporting a snugly fitted bag or)
 (outer covering in a secure and) upright (position, said frame) comprising a (circular) top, a
frame, a plurality of pivoting vertical extending between the
 circular (base and at least six equal length) leg members (said leg members attached to said) top
bottom circular frames, a body of flexible sheet material extending
 and (said base vertically, parallel and at equal distances to one another, forming a cylindrical)
from the circular frame, down to and enclosing
 (container with a) top (cover, for the storage of articles therein, said bag or covering having a)
the legs and bottom circular frame.
 (flat, circular bottom and) vertical (sides.)
- partially collapsible said vertical leg members are connected to the
 2. The hamper (bag or covering) of claim 1 wherein (the bag or covering is made of fabric, nylon)
top and bottom circular frames by hinges, each vertical leg member divided into three
 (webbing, or other similar material secured to said circular top frame and said leg members by)
equal parts and joined together by hinges at points a third and two thirds of the length
(a detachable fastening means thereto)
of each leg member: "INCORPORATE CLAIM 6 INTO CLAIM 2."
 "CANCEL CLAIMS 3-5."
3. The frame of claim 1 wherein said frame is fabricated from plastic or other lightweight and
 pliant material, or combination thereof, of various sizes and shapes, with each leg member
 joined to said top and said base by hinges.
4. The frame of claim 3 wherein said leg members are divided into three equal parts and joined
 together by hinges at points a third and two thirds of the length of said leg members.
5. The frame of claim 4 wherein the top third portion and the bottom third portion of said leg
 members bend outwards during expansion of said frame with the middle third maintaining
 the upright vertical orientation.

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"CANCEL CLAIM 6 AND INCORPORATE INTO CLAIM 2."

- (6) ^{the improvement comprising} ~~(The frame of claim 3 and claim 4 wherein)~~ ^{that} said hinges lock said leg members in the vertical position until downward (or outward) pressure is applied to unlock ^{the hinges} and move the top third and bottom third portions of said leg members ^{outward and away from the center} to 45-degree angles from the vertical, where ^{said hinges} (they) ^{of said leg members} again lock in place while the middle third portion ^{of said leg members} remains in the upright vertical orientation.

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